

Program 135

**DSHS - Special Commitment Program****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2009-11 Expenditure Authority</b>	425.4	95,749		95,749
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	460.8	101,245		101,245
Difference	35.4	5,496		5,496
Percent Change from Current Biennium	8.3%	5.7%		5.7%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Reduce Administrative Staff	(14.0)	(4,374)		(4,374)
Reduce Special Commitment Center Programs	(4.0)	(2,544)		(2,544)
Fund McNeil Island Operations	35.3	5,600		5,600
In re Detention/David T. McCuiston		35,912		35,912
Reduce Secure Community Transition Staffing Ratios #	(18.0)	(1,926)		(1,926)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(798)		(798)
<b>Subtotal</b>	(0.7)	31,870		31,870
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	460.1	133,115		133,115
Difference	34.7	37,366		37,366
Percent Change from Current Biennium	8.1%	39.0%		39.0%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Civil Commitment Less Restrictive Alternatives	77.0	14,025		14,025
Civil Commitment-Sexual Predators	385.1	119,090		119,090
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	462.1	133,115		133,115

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Reduce Administrative Staff**

Funding is reduced for administrative staffing positions at the Special Commitment Center.

**Reduce Special Commitment Center Programs**

The Special Commitment Center will reduce funding for a number of programs including mailroom services, visitor center hours, recreation programming, clinical internships, and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner nursing services.

**Fund McNeil Island Operations**

McNeil Island Corrections Center is scheduled to close on April 1, 2011. The Department of Corrections currently funds the staff necessary for marine and island operations. The staff necessary to continue these functions are transferred to the Department of Social and Health Services.

## **HUMAN SERVICES - DSHS**

### **In re Detention/David T. McCuiston**

Funding is provided to pay for legal services required by the Washington State Supreme Court decision for the In re: Detention of David T. McCuiston case concerning the due process rights of sexually violent predators.

### **Reduce Secure Community Transition Staffing Ratios #**

The staffing models for the Secure Community Transition Facilities (SCTF) operated by the Special Commitment Center are mandated in statute. Proposed legislation adjusts the SCTF staff ratios to a more efficient staffing workload model.

## **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Civil Commitment Less Restrictive Alternatives**

Less restrictive alternatives (LRAs) include Secure Community Transition Facilities (SCTFs) and community placements. SCTFs provide less restrictive, alternative residential living and community transitional services for sex offenders who have been civilly committed under the law and have received court-ordered conditional release from total confinement. The Pierce County SCTF is located on McNeil Island, adjacent to the Special Commitment Center. Included in its funding is mitigation for local jurisdictions. The King County SCTF is to be located on Spokane Street in the city of Seattle, and will house and supervise up to six residents. The community program includes staff to administer the process of locating and evaluating potential SCTF sites and other civil commitment off-island LRAs, and includes individual placements and placements in group settings in the community.

### **Civil Commitment-Sexual Predators**

The Special Commitment Center (SCC) located on McNeil Island completes evaluations, custody, and care and treatment of individuals who have pending petitions for civil commitment or have been civilly committed as sexually violent predators under the law. Residents are encouraged to participate in a six-level program structured to enable them to be prepared for reunification with the community. Included in SCC are administrative staff located in Steilacoom.